

C. Characteristics of Undergraduate Students

Fall 2010 Freshmen

A total of 13,133 individuals applied for admission as first-time freshmen to Montclair State University in fall 2010, up 84% from fall 2001. The University admitted 49.7% of these applicants, and 2,190 of those who were admitted to the University enrolled as freshmen for a yield of 33.5%. The fall 2010 admissions yield was approximately 6.6 percentage points lower than in fall 2001.

Fall 2010 freshmen entered MSU as either regular admits, special admits, or students admitted through the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) program. By admitting students using different admissions categories, the University fulfilled the hopes and aspirations of more of its applicants. Of MSU's 2,171 full-time, first-time students (IPEDS cohort), 88% were Regular Admits, 5% were admitted through the EOF program, and 7% were Special Admits (see Table II.C.1).

MSU's fall 2010 full-time, first-time students (IPEDS cohort) had an average combined (Math and Critical Reading) SAT score of 1,010. Regularly admitted full-time entrants had a mean SAT score of 1,024, while EOF entrants and special admits had mean combined SAT's of 852 and 935, respectively. For all full-time students (IPEDS cohort), the average math SAT score (512) exceeded the average critical reading (497) and writing (504) scores (see Table II.C.1).

TABLE II.C.1: Mean Math, Reading & Writing SAT for First-Time IPEDS Cohort, by Admission Status and Overall, Fall 2010

	Full-Time				Part-Time			
Type	Number	Math	Read	Write	Number	Math	Read	Write
Regular	1,912	519	505	512	14	518	520	505
EOF	107	434	419	431	1	430	410	470
Special	152	482	453	464	4	430	380	370
All	2,171	512	497	504	19	507	504	494
Missing	-	66	66	70	-	3	3	3

In fall 2010, Montclair State University used the College Board's suite of Accuplacer tests to assess college readiness in elementary algebra. College readiness in writing was initially assessed using the SAT essay and writing scores, in combination, followed by a faculty review of early writing samples.

Incoming freshmen whose SAT-Math scores were below 550, or who failed to attain at least a B-score in Algebra II in high school, were required to take the Accuplacer elementary algebra portion of Accuplacer. Everyone's SAT-W and SAT-essay scores were examined for possible placement into developmental writing; followed by a faculty review of writing samples.

Between 2007 and 2010, the number of undergraduates enrolled in one or more remedial courses declined 63%, while the number of full-time, first-time students in remediation declined 64%.

Table II.C.2: Enrollment in Remedial Courses, Fall 2010

Total Fall 2010 Undergraduate Enrollment	Number of Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Courses	Percent of Total
14,383	524	3.6%
Total Number of Full-time, First-time Students	Number of FTFT Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Courses	Percent of FTFT Students Enrolled in One or More Remedial Course
2,171	377	17.4%
Remedial Subject Area	Number of FTFT Students Enrolled in	Percent of FTFT Students Enrolled in
Reading	0	0.0%
Writing	159	7.3%
Math Computation	0	0.0%
Elementary Algebra	259	11.9%

A survey administered to fall 2010 first-time freshmen revealed that over 90% considered MSU their first or second choice among colleges. The survey also revealed that the top three reasons freshmen chose MSU were: a) its good academic reputation (64%), b) the success of its graduates in finding good jobs (51%), and c) its affordability (49%).

The profile of the fall 2010 entering class reflects the continuing commitment of the University to an ethnically and racially diverse student body. Excluding unknowns, 10% of first-time undergraduates identified themselves as African American, 7% as Asian, and 22% as Latino/a. Nearly 2% of first-time students were non-resident aliens, and over 57% were female.

Fall 2010 Undergraduates

In fall 2010, a total of 18,402 students attended Montclair State University. Of this total, 14,383 (or 78.2% of all enrollees) were registered as undergraduates. The number of undergraduates attending the University rose 16% between fall 2006 and fall 2010. Over 85% of fall 2010 undergraduates attended the University full-time, up three percentage points from fall 2006. MSU's undergraduates were racially/ethnically diverse. Excluding unknowns, nearly 23% of undergraduates identified themselves as Latino/a, 10% as African American, 6% as Asian, 56% White, and 4% non-resident aliens (see Table II.C.3.a).

TABLE II.C.3.a: Undergraduate Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity, Fall 2010

	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Native Amer.	13	0.1%	7	0.3%	20	0.1%
African Amer.	1,061	8.6%	227	10.7%	1,288	9.0%
Asian	711	5.8%	105	5.0%	816	5.7%
Latino/a	2,488	20.3%	457	21.6%	2,945	20.5%
White	6,259	51.0%	1,039	49.2%	7,298	50.7%
Non-Res. Alien	417	3.4%	54	2.6%	471	3.3%
Unknown	1,322	10.8%	223	10.6%	1,545	10.7%
Total	12,271	100.0%	2,112	100.0%	14,383	100.0%

In fall 2010, 60% of all undergraduates were female, and the average age of the undergraduate population was 22.5 years (see Tables II.C.3.b and II.C.3.c).

TABLE II.C.3.b: Undergraduate Enrollment by Sex, Fall 2010

	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Female	7,377	60.1%	1,295	61.3%	8,672	60.3%
Male	4,894	39.9%	817	38.7%	5,711	39.7%
Total	12,271	100.0%	2,112	100.0%	14,383	100.0%

TABLE II.C.3.c: Undergraduate Enrollment by Age, Fall 2010

	Full-time		Part-time		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Less than 18	24	0.2%	26	1.2%	50	0.3%
18-19	3,596	29.3%	41	1.9%	3,637	25.3%
20-21	4,744	38.7%	188	8.9%	4,932	34.3%
22-24	2,767	22.5%	675	32.0%	3,442	23.9%
25-29	703	5.7%	466	22.1%	1,169	8.1%
30-34	226	1.8%	225	10.7%	451	3.1%
35-39	68	0.6%	133	6.3%	201	1.4%
40-49	108	0.9%	229	10.8%	337	2.3%
50-64	33	0.3%	112	5.3%	145	1.0%
More than 64	2	0.0%	17	0.8%	19	0.1%
Unknown	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%
Total	12,271	100.0%	2,112	100.0%	14,383	100.0%

During FY2010, MSU's undergraduates received financial aid from Federal, State, University, and private sources. Aid took multiple forms, from grants and scholarships, through loans and waivers. For those who needed financial assistance, the MSU Alumni Association and the MSU Foundation sponsored a number of scholarships, and special MSU program awards were substantial, amounting to nearly \$5.6 million during FY10. During the same fiscal year, Federal grants, loans, and work-study programs amounted to over \$88 million.

During FY10, MSU distributed over \$26 million in state-funded financial aid, including both scholarships and NJCLASS loans (see Table II.C.4). A total of 5,399 awards were made to MSU students, including 3,480 TAG Awards, 741 NJCLASS Loans, and 719 EOF Awards.

Table II.C.4: Financial Aid from Federal, State & Institution-Funded Programs, FY2010

	Recipients	\$ Dollars	\$/Recipient
<u>STATE PROGRAMS</u>			
TAG	3,480	\$16,314,000	\$4,688
EOF	719	\$835,000	\$1,161
Distinguished Scholars	197	\$179,000	\$909
Urban Scholars	135	\$121,000	\$896
NJCLASS Loans	741	\$8,148,000	\$10,996
NJ Stars	127	\$674,000	\$5,307
OSRP	0	\$0	--
<u>FEDERAL PROGRAMS</u>			
Pell Grants	4,446	\$18,480,000	\$4,157
College Work Study	570	\$726,000	\$1,274
Perkins Loans	134	\$237,000	\$1,769
SEOG	675	\$774,000	\$1,147
Stafford Loans (Subsidized)	7,163	\$29,278,000	\$4,087
Stafford Loans (Unsubsidized)	8,049	\$28,509,000	\$3,542
PLUS Loans	862	\$8,704,000	\$10,097
SMART & ACG or other	1,064	\$1,304,000	\$1,226
<u>INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS</u>			
Grants/Scholarships	1,274	\$5,622,000	\$4,413
Loans	0	\$0	\$0

Of MSU's 2,190 first-time students who entered in fall 2010, 97% were New Jersey residents (see Table II.C.5). Most were from Bergen (20.3%), Essex (12.5%), and Passaic (11.9%) counties.

Table II.C.5: First-Time Student Enrollment by State of Residence, Fall 2010			
State Residents	Non-State Residents	Total Students	% State Residents
2,125	65	2,190	97.0%

Fall 2010 Graduate Students

Of the 18,402 students who attended Montclair State University in fall 2010, 4,019 (22%) were graduate students. Graduate student enrollment rose more than 8% between fall 2006 and fall 2010.

Most graduate students (71%) attended MSU part-time, taking fewer than nine credits per semester. Seventy-two percent of fall 2010 graduate students were female, and the average age of the graduate student population was 32 years. Excluding unknowns, 9% of graduate students identified themselves as African American, 5% as Asian, 10% as Latino/a, 73% as White, and 3% as non-resident aliens. Nearly 94% of MSU's graduate students are New Jersey residents.